## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following new paragraphs on page 4, after line 22:

Those described hydroxyl protective groups are ethers, esters, and, for 1,2- and 1,3-DIOLS, cyclic acetals and ketals and cyclic ortho esters.

The ethers include:

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Methyl
Substituted Methyl Ethers
      Methoxymethyl (MOM Group)
             Methylthiomethyl (MTM Group)
      Benzyloxymethyl
      t-Bytoxymethyl
      2-Methoxyethoxymethyl (MEM Group)
      2,2,2-Trichloroethoxymethyl
      Bis(2-chloroethoxy)methyl
      2-(Trimethylsilyl)ethoxymethyl
Tetrahydropyranyl (THP Group)
      3-Bromotetrahydropyranyl
      Tetrahydrothiopyranyl
      4-Methoxytetrahydropyranyl
             4-Methoxytetrahydrothiopyranyl
             4-Methoxytetrahydrothiopyranyl S,S-Dioxido
Tetrahydrofuranyl
      Tetrahydrothiofuranyl
Substituted Ethyl Ethers
      1-Ethoxyethyl
      1-Methyl-1-methoxyethyl
      1-(Isopropoxy)ethyl
      2,2,2-Trichloroethyl
      2-(Phenylselenyl)ethyl
t-Butyl
Allyl
Cinnamyl
p-Chlorophenyl
Benzyl
      p-Methoxybenzyl
      o-Nitrobenzyl
      p-Nitrobenzyl
      p-Halobenzyl
      p-Cyanobenzyl
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3-Methyl-2-picolyl N-Oxido
      Diphenylmethyl
      5-Dibenzosuberyl
      Triphenylmethyl
             α-Naphthyldiphenylmethyl
             p-Methoxyphenyldiphenylmethyl
             p-(p'-Bromophenacyloxy)phenyldiphenylmethyl
      9-Anthryl
      9-(9-Phenyl)xanthenyl
      9-(9-Phenyl-10-oxo)anthryl (Tritylone Group)
      Benzisothiazolyl S,S-Dioxido
      Silyl Ethers
             Trimethylsilyl (TMS Group)
             Triethylsilyl
             Isopropyldimethylsilyl
             t-Butyldimethylsilyl (TBDMS Group)
             (Triphenylmethyl)dimethylsilyl
             t-Butyldiphenylsilyl
             Methyldiisopropylsilyl
             Methyldi-t-butylsilyl
             Tribenzylsilyl
                   Tri-p-xylylsilyl
             Triisopropylsilyl
             Triphenylsilyl
The esters include:
      Formate
             Benzoylformate
      Acetate
             Chloroacetate
             Diehloroacetate
             Trichloroacetate
             Trifluoroacetate
             Methoxyacetate
             Triphenylmethoxyacetate
             Phenoxyacetate
                   p-Chlorophenoxyacetate
                   2,6-Cichloro-4-methylphenoxyacetate
                   2,6-Dichloro-4-(1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutyl)phenoxyacetate
                   2,4-Bis(1,1-dimethylpropyl)phenoxyacetate
             Chlorodiphenylacetate
             p-@-Phenylacetate
      3-Phenylpropionate
      3-Benzoylpropionate
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Isobutyrate
      Monosuccinoate
      4-Oxopentanoate (Levulinate)
      Pivaloate
      Adamantoate
      Crotonate
             4-Methoxycrotonate
      (E)-2-Methyl-2-butenoate (Tigloate)
      Benzoate
             o-(Dibromomethyl)benzoate
             o-(Methoxycarbonyl)benzoate
            p-Phenylbenzoate
            2,4,6-Trimethylbenzoate (Mesitoate)
            p-P-Benzoate
      α-Naphthoate
      Carbonates
             Methyl
             Ethyl
            2,2,2-Trichloroethyl
             Isobutyl
            Vinyl
            Allyl
            Cinnamyl
            p-Nitrophenyl
            Benzyl
                   p-Methoxybenzyl
                   3,4-Dimethoxybenzyl
                   o-Nitrobenzyl
                   p-Nitrobenzyl
             S-Benzyl Thiocarbonate
      Miscellaneous
      N-Phenylcarbamate
      N-Imidazolylcarbamate
      Borate
      Nitrate
      N,N,N',N'-Tetramethylphosphorodiamidate
      2,4-Dinitrophenylsulfenate
For protection of 1,2- and 1,3-DIOLS, the cyclic adetals and ketals include:
            Methylene
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Ethylidene

1-*t*-Butylethylidene 1-Phenylethylidene 2,2,2-Trichloroethylidene

Acetonide (Isopropylidene)

Butylidene

Cyclopentylidene

Cyclohexylidene

Cycloheptylidene

Benzylidene

p-Methoxybenzylidene

2,4-Dimethoxybenzylidene

p-Dimethylaminobenzylidene

o-Nitrobenzylidene

p-P-Benzylidene

Phenanthrylidene Derivative;

## whereas the cyclic ortho esters include:

Methoxymethylene

Ethoxymethylene

Dimethoxymethylene

1-Methoxyethylidene

1,2-Dimethoxyethylidene

α-Methoxybenzylidene

1-(N,N-Dimethylamino)ethylidene Derivative

 $\alpha$ -(N,N-Dimethylamino)benzylidene Derivative

Disiloxanylidene Derivative

Stannoxane Derivative

Cyclic Carbonates

Cyclic Boronates

Phenyl Boronate

p-P-Phenyl Boronate